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LETTER DATED 24 JULY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that the Chairman of the Minsk Conference of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) on Nagorny Karabakh, Mr. Mario Raffaelli submitted a letter, dated 23 July 1993, to the Chairman in Office of the CSCE, Mme Af Ugglas.

In this letter Mr. Raffaelli informs the Chairman in Office of the CSCE about the consultations in Rome, 22-23 July, among the nine Minsk Group countries which are co-sponsors of the "Timetable of urgent steps to implement United Nations Security Council resolution 822 (1993) on the Nagorny Karabakh conflict", and about his statement, issued in reaction to the news of the seizure of Agdam.

The Chairman of the Minsk Conference also informed Mme Af Ugglas that he was preparing a report to the President of the United Nations Security Council, reporting on the efforts to implement Security Council resolution 822 (1993) and the serious setback suffered by the negotiating process.

Mr. Raffaelli outlined that the nine Minsk Group countries had asked him to convey to the Chairman in Office of the CSCE their unanimous feeling that a CSCE presence in the region would be extremely useful in efforts to find a peaceful solution of the conflict. The objective of such a presence would be to monitor and report on developments having an impact on the negotiating process, including the situation in occupied territories, new military activities, any build-up of forces and equipment, further violations of human rights, and the adherence of the parties to a peaceful settlement. The nine countries would like to stress the political need to establish such a CSCE presence in the region as soon as possible.

Concluding the letter, Mr. Raffaelli pointed out that the nine countries had also asked him to recommend to the Chairman in Office of the CSCE that a deadline of 30 August be fixed for firm commitments from contributor countries for all required personnel and equipment for the first phase of the monitor mission. Information on the announced and confirmed contributions received by the Conflict Prevention Centre should be made available to the CSCE participating States as soon as possible.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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